

In the claims

1-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a notification that an event has occurred, the system comprising:

a client computer comprising an output device, a memory, a central processing unit, and a storage device containing computer-readable instructions for execution on the central processing unit, the computer-readable instructions operative to cause the client computer to transmit a request to provide a notification in response to the occurrence of the event to each of a plurality of a server computers, the request comprising a description of the event corresponding to the server computer, at least one hyperlink to additional data regarding the event, data for customizing a visual indication that the event has occurred, the visual indication comprising a user name, and a user identifier, to receive from each of the server computers a request to provide a notification that the event has occurred and to open a new user interface window for each request that is received to thereby display each notification, each notification comprising a description of the event, wherein the event is a user-specified event;

a plurality of server computers each comprising a memory, a central processing unit, and a storage device containing computer-readable instructions for execution on the central processing unit of the server computer, the computer-readable instructions operative to cause the server computer to receive the request to provide a notification from the client computer, to determine whether the event has occurred, to identify a network address for the client computer based on the user identifier in response to determining that the event has occurred, wherein the network address is an Internet protocol address, and to transmit the request to the client computer to provide a notification that the event has occurred at the network address; and

a billing server computer, and wherein at least one of the notifications that one of the events has occurred further comprises a hyperlink, and wherein the client computer is further operative to receive a selection of the hyperlink and, based on the selection, to place an order for purchasing a product with the billing server computer.

20. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a notification that an event has occurred, the system comprising:

a client computer comprising an output device, a memory, a central processing unit, and a storage device containing computer-readable instructions for execution on the central processing unit, the computer-readable instructions operative to cause the client computer to transmit a request to provide a notification in response to the occurrence of the event to each of a plurality of a server computers, the request comprising a description of the event corresponding to the server computer, at least one hyperlink to additional data regarding the event, data for customizing a visual indication that the event has occurred, the visual indication comprising a user name, and a user identifier, to receive from each of the server computers a request to provide a notification that the event has occurred and to open a new user interface window for each request that is received to thereby display each notification, each notification comprising a description of the event, wherein the event is a user-specified event;

a plurality of server computers each comprising a memory, a central processing unit, and a storage device containing computer-readable instructions for execution on the central processing unit of the server computer, the computer-readable instructions operative to cause the server computer to receive the request to provide a notification from the client computer, to determine whether the event has occurred, to identify a network address for the client computer based on the user identifier in response to determining that the event has occurred, wherein the network address is an Internet protocol address, and to transmit the request to the client computer to provide a notification that the event has occurred at the network address; and

a calendaring server computer, and wherein at least one of the notifications that one of the events has occurred further comprises a hyperlink, and wherein the client computer is further operative to receive a selection of the hyperlink and, based on the selection, to create an appointment with the calendaring server computer.

21. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a notification that an event has occurred, the system comprising:

a client computer comprising an output device, a memory, a central processing unit, and a storage device containing computer-readable instructions for execution on the central processing unit, the computer-readable instructions operative to cause the client computer to transmit a request to provide a notification in response to the occurrence of the event to each of a plurality of a server computers, wherein the event is a user-specified event, the request comprising a description of the event corresponding to the server computer, at least one hyperlink to additional data regarding the event, data for customizing a visual indication that the event has occurred, the visual indication comprising a user name, and a user identifier, to receive from each of the server computers a request to provide a notification that the event has occurred and to open a new user interface window for each request that is received to thereby display each notification, each notification comprising a description of the event;

a plurality of server computers each comprising a memory, a central processing unit, and a storage device containing computer-readable instructions for execution on the central processing unit of the server computer, the computer-readable instructions operative to cause the server computer to receive the request to provide a notification from the client computer, to determine whether the event has occurred, to identify a network address for the client computer based on the user identifier in response to determining that the event has occurred, wherein the network address is an Internet protocol address, and to transmit the request to the client computer to provide a notification that the event has occurred at the network address; and

wherein at least one of the notifications that one of the events has occurred further comprises a hyperlink, and wherein the client computer is further operative to receive a selection of the hyperlink and, based on the selection, to place a telephone call.

22-24. (Cancelled)